

(b) to (e) No decisions to do away selling sugar to BPL families at lower rate or to do away with the system of "Ganna Kshetra Aarakshan" and "SAP" have been taken by the Central Government.

Supply of foodgrains to Gujarat

3244. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government allocate grains to States considering BPL cards as informed by the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government agree to allocate 35 kgs of foodgrains per card considering 27 lakh cards as indicated by the State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are supplying only 17 kgs of foodgrains per card to Gujarat; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) Under the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the Central Government makes an allocation of foodgrains @ 35 kg. per BPL and AAY family per month on the basis of number of ration cards issued by the States/UTs or the number of house-holds on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 and the population projection of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 whichever is less. Thus, all the States, including Gujarat, are being allocated foodgrains under the TPDS in keeping with the foregoing criterion. The details of the number of families, number of ration cards issued and the allocation being made in respect of the BPL and AAY categories, for the State of Gujarat, are as under:

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Category	Number of families (in lac)	Number of Ration Cards issued (in lac)	Allocation being made for the category
BPL	13.072	26.84	45864 tonnes
AAY	8.128	8.098	28340 tonnes

(f) and (g) Questions do not arise, in view of the answer for the parts (a) to (e) above.

Ban on FCI from procurement in Haryana and Punjab

3245. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that farmers' unions in Punjab and Haryana have decided to bar the Food Corporation of India from procurement of wheat from the market during the current season;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sri. FCI is actively undertaking procurement of wheat by opening 228 purchase centres in Punjab and 76 centres in Haryana. As on 29-04-2007, FCI and all other Government agencies have purchased about 52.82 MTs in Punjab and 24.10 lakh MTs in Haryana.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Procurement target of wheat

3246. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for the procurement of wheat during the season for Central Pool;
- (b) whether Government hope to achieve the target; and